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METHODS WITH AMPLIFICATION FOR )  
AFFINITY ASSAYS )  
Art Unit: 1807 )  
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AMENDMENT

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The Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-captioned application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please delete the first full paragraph of the specification following line 4 on page 1 of the specification and insert in its place the following text:

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-- This application is a divisional application of U.S. Serial No. 08/400,657 filed March 8, 1995; which is a continuation application of U.S. Serial No. 08/257,469, filed June 8, 1994 and now abandoned; which is a continuation application of U.S. Serial No. 08/124,826, filed September 21, 1993 and now abandoned; which is a continuation application of U.S. Serial No. 07/946,749 filed September 17, 1992 and now abandoned; which is a continuation application of U.S. Serial No. 07/648,468 filed January 31, 1991 and now abandoned; which is a continuation-in-part application of U.S.